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North Pima Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First North Pima Regional Partnership Council was held on April 19, 2013 at Tanque Verde Unified School District, 2300 North Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson, Arizona 85749.

Chair Scott Ingram welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Members Present:

Gillian Needham, Scott Ingram, Naomi Karp, Sherri Rosalik, Annabel Ratley, Eliza Holland, Angie Hitt, and Amber Jones

Members Absent:

Esther Capin and Jill Rosenzweig

II. Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2013 North Pima Regional Partnership Council Meeting

A motion was made by member Annabel Ratley that the North Pima Regional Partnership Council accept the meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Gillian Needham. Motion carried.

III. Call to the Public

None.

IV. Systems Building Presentation and Conversation

Michelle MacDonald, North Pima Regional Director, gave a brief presentation about Creating an Early Childhood System. Members had a few questions regarding the system building efforts and how grantees are being included in the efforts.

V. Presentation and Discussion with Department of Economic Security-Division of Children, Youth, and Families Representative

Francie Julien-Chinn, Deputy Program Manager, provided a brief presentation about Child Protective Services (CPS). Ms. Julien-Chinn provided the current numbers of children and young children (ages 0-5) in out-of-home care in Pima County. She shared CPS goals and strategies they are implementing to address the increase in numbers. The regional council mentioned the need to ensure continuity of care in health and child care environments and ensure CPS caseworkers have foundational and ongoing early childhood development education. Both the regional council and Ms. Julien-Chinn expressed a desire to continue collaborating and exploring ways in which they can foster their common goal of supporting children and families.

VI. Regional Director's Report

Ms. MacDonald shared First Things First state and regional highlights, reviewed the expenditure and data reports, as well as the cross-regional benchmarking update and community outreach report, all of which were included in the meeting packet.

VII. General Discussion

Chair Scott Ingram gave an update about the Regional Boundaries. There was a meeting on April 18, 2013 where members had the opportunity to discuss the Regional Boundary Taskforce recommendations with Chief Executive Officer Rhian Evans Allvin. The Regional Boundary Taskforce will meet on May 7, 2013 in Phoenix and make a recommendation to the First Things First State Board.

Member Naomi Karp mentioned several updates, including that there is a STEAM presentation (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics; an initiative to promote innovation as a means to ensure a prosperous economic future) featuring Hedda Sharapan on May 4, 2013 at the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center. Member Karp also mentioned that CLASS Assessment workshops will occur at United Way on May 10 and June 21, 2013.

VIII. Call to the Public

None.

IX. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next regular North Pima Regional Partnership Council meeting will be on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by member Amber Jones to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Eliza Holland. Motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Scott Ingram adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Submitted By _____

Approved By _____

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.